

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the Application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the Application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has allowed claims 26-29. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject material.


Claims 1, 4, 6-7, 13-16, 21-25, and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,550,993 to Ehlig *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,539,552 to Davis *et al.*; claims 10, 12 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of Ehlig *et al.* and Davis *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,500,895 to Yurgelites; claims 8-9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of Ehlig *et al.* and Davis *et al.* in view of either U.S. Patent No. 6,587,560 B1 to Scott *et al.*, or U.S. Patent No. 6,081,586 to Rahamim *et al.*; and claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the combination of Ehlig *et al.* and Davis *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,387,273 to Chea, Jr.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants herein cancel claims 1-25 and 30-32. Thus, the above rejections are now moot.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

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